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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

SAMUEL RENE LOPEZ,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

TERESSE IAELA-TOKUGAWA, et al.,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:24-cv-00876-NJK

**ORDER**

[Docket No. 8]

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's motion to decline magistrate judges and for reassignment to a district judge. Docket No. 8.<sup>1</sup> The time for Plaintiff to decline magistrate judge consent expired long ago.<sup>2</sup> Hence, it appears that Plaintiff is instead seeking to withdraw his consent. "If a party challenges the consent process or moves to withdraw consent, the case will be randomly assigned to a District Judge to resolve the issue of consent." Gen. Order 2023-11 at 4. Accordingly, the Clerk's Office is **INSTRUCTED** to randomly assign a District Judge to this case to resolve the issue of consent.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 22, 2024

  
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Nancy J. Koppe  
United States Magistrate Judge

<sup>1</sup> The motion also seeks relief from the Early Neutral Evaluation program, which is a request directed to the evaluating judge. *See* Local Rule 16-6(c). If Plaintiff continues to seek such relief, he must file a separate motion. *See* Local Rule IC 2-2(b).

<sup>2</sup> The deadline to decline consent is 21 days after a party's first appearance. *See* Docket Nos. 2-3. Plaintiff first appeared on May 9, 2024. *See, e.g.,* Docket No. 4. Although Plaintiff contends that he was not provided the consent documentation in the first instance due to a Clerk's Office error, *see* Docket No. 8 at 2, he also makes clear that he was provided that information on May 21, 2024, *see id.* Hence, Plaintiff has long had notice of the magistrate judge referral and of the need to promptly decline such consent, but he did not do so in prompt fashion.